

## **Brief Summary of RTO West RRG Work Sessions September 10 and 11, 2003**

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### **Introduction**

This summary is intended to describe the general process during the September 10 and 11, 2003 work sessions of the RTO West Regional Representatives Group (RRG). It does not summarize what occurred during each of the individual option group work sessions. The summary is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of anyone's remarks, and it is not intended to suggest that any particular representative or entity at the RRG sessions agreed with or endorsed the views described in this summary.

### **Overview of September 10 and 11 Work Sessions**

- Work sessions for RTO West RRG participants to develop three option packages to address regional transmission problems and opportunities were held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel on September 10 and September 11. Approximately 15-20 people participated in each option group. Several participants roved from group to group.
- After a brief plenary organizational session on September 10, the three groups met separately for the remainder of the 10<sup>th</sup> and the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> to further develop and describe the three option packages:
  - Option 1 - "Coordination-Based" – adapting/improving from current structures
    - Could be a combination of existing and new entities and contracts
    - Continue to operate basically from the contract path approach (at least initially)
  - Option 2 - "Independent Administrator"
    - Single umbrella entity
    - Has some decision-making authority
    - Not a system operator
  - Option 3 - "Stage 2 Reloaded"
- A template for describing the option packages was posted on the RTO West website to provide a comprehensive framework for addressing the issue groupings:
  - Group 1 – planning and expansion issues
  - Group 2 – use of the existing system issues
  - Group 3 – long-term access
  - Group 4 – control area function issues
  - Group 5 – cost recovery issues (including rate pancaking)
  - Group 6 – market power issues
  - Group 7 – "ballpark" costs, benefits and timing issues
- Option groups were reminded that for the Group 7 issues, they should provide ballpark expected costs and a high-level qualitative description of the areas where the proposal provides benefits. The aim is to provide a broad screening of what the options address. For implementation and timing issues, the proposal should include a sequence of implementation steps and expected time intervals for the steps.

- Option groups were requested to provide a brief summary of the nature of the option at the beginning of the comprehensive package.
- At noon on September 11, the groups met together. A spokesman for each group gave a short report on the group's progress and plans to complete its comprehensive option package proposal by COB September 17. Each group reported using the template to provide more detail about how its proposal addresses the issue groupings and reported being well on the way to completing a description of its option package by September 17.
- Bud Krogh asked the RRG for input on how, at the next RRG meeting on September 22-23, to build towards a consensus the region can accept and work with. One approach the RRG accepted is to begin the September 22 meeting with each option group making an hour-long presentation of its option package. Next the RRG would consider how well each proposal addresses the problems and look for commonalities.

### **Schedule of RRG Meetings and Work Activity**

Wednesday, September 17 – Option packages to be delivered to Sarah Dennison-Leonard by close of business for posting on the RTO West website.

Monday, September 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. both days at Portland Airport Sheraton Hotel – Hear package presentations; discuss packages and look for common ground; decide what analysis should be used to support the comparison of the packages; decide what happens next (meeting schedules and further work).